

Medical Assistance for Parents and Caretakers of Dependent Children

LIFC Medicaid

Virginia offers Medicaid coverage to eligible parents who have a child under age 18 living in their home, through **Low Income Families with Children (LIFC)** Medicaid benefits. Coverage for the parent can continue until the child turns 18 as long as the household's countable income does not exceed the income limits. Coverage for the parent may continue after the child turns 18 if the child is still in school and expected to finish school by the child's 19th birthday. The child does not have to be enrolled in Medicaid for the parent to have coverage. Under certain circumstances, people other than parents who provide care to a child in their home may be eligible. Contact your [local department of social services](#) for more information about Medicaid for caretakers.

The income limits for LIFC Medicaid are different depending on where you live. To find out what the income limits are for your area, contact the local department of social services that serves your city or county. Resources (money in bank accounts, cars, etc.) are **NOT** counted for LIFC Medicaid or other Medical Assistance for parents and caretakers of dependent children.

VIEW Participants

If you receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits and you are participating in the Virginia Initiative for Employment Not Welfare (VIEW) Program, the income limits for LIFC Medicaid coverage are higher. The Medicaid income limit for VIEW participants is 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Medicaid Income Limits for VIEW Participants (100% of the FPL) – Effective January 24, 2013

Family Unit Size	Annual	Monthly
1	\$11,490	\$958
2	15,510	1,293
3	19,530	1,628
4	23,550	1,963
5	27,570	2,298
6	31,590	2,633
7	35,610	2,968
8	39,630	3,303

Extended Medicaid

If the parent has been covered by Medicaid and the parent's earnings increase, Medicaid coverage may continue under **Extended Medicaid** benefits. If a parent has been covered by Medicaid for at least four (4) months before the earnings increase and the parent completes the necessary reports on time, coverage can continue for up to 12 months, as long as the total household's countable income is less than 185% of the FPL and the parent follows certain income reporting requirements.

Extended Medicaid Income Limits (185% of the FPL) – Effective January 24, 2013

Family Unit Size	Annual	Monthly
1	\$21,257	\$1,772
2	28,694	2,392
3	36,131	3,011
4	43,568	3,631
5	51,005	4,251
6	58,442	4,871
7	65,879	5,490
8	73,316	6,110